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IV. Marriage

A. Acquisition of Mates

589 548 581 Celibacy is unknown to the Isneg. It would probably be very hard to convince them of its possibility, at least in men: they certainly never think about it. And so also prostitution is non-existent. There may perhaps be found a few women of loose morals among the Isneg, but even these could never be called prostitutes. To marry is the ultimate aim of every Isneg young man and young woman, none of them knows of any other course to take; marriage is universal.

589 If it should happen that a girl becomes old without having found a husband, she is said to have become the wife of the spirit *Taxindó*. But such cases must be exceedingly rare; I myself have never yet met any.

to pay heavy indemnities to the relatives of the injured husband. When the husband is so inclined, he may take one or more wives, provided that he is wealthy enough to support them. However, the wife controls in marriage, her own inherited property.

When the husband dies, the woman retains only her clothing and returns to her relatives. All the property is divided equally among the children. If they are young, the man's relatives take and raise them, keeping the property in trust. Upon marriage each child receives his share.

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The Apayao name for a god is "*anito.*" Now, it is hard for anyone to explain how all the "acts of God" are the activity of one single personality; as some "acts" are benevolent and others are malevolent. The Apayaos believe that different "acts" are the doings of differents *anitos*, some benevolent and others malevolent. Natural phenomena are explained as being the work of some *anito*. Each occurrence or activity of a person is governed by some certain *anito*. Therefore they may number up into the thousands. Thus one is constantly aware of his relations with the *anitos*, and the Apayao is very religious. For instance if he is setting a trap for wild pig in the forest, he will ask one *anito* to forgive him for trying to trap the pig; another *anito* to let the pig be guided into the trap; and another *anito* that the trap will spring and catch the pig.

Many *anitos* live in natural objects; but the most prominent ones dwlel in *Guynetban* in the sky. Each